

the national headlines delivering the grim news that citizens of Milwaukee were dying as a result of an infestation by the parasite cryptosporidium in the city's drinking water. By the time the parasite infestation had fully run its course, 104 Milwaukee residents had died, and over 400,000 had suffered from a debilitating illness.

What was the cause of the infestation? Government inaction. While we can all talk at length, and with good justification, about examples of over-regulation, we must recognize that there are instances in which the Federal Government has not done enough to protect our citizens. Mr. President, parasite contamination in drinking water is one of those cases. The 104 deaths and 400,000 illnesses in Milwaukee are but one example attesting to that fact. In reality, while the Milwaukee incident is the largest reported outbreak in U.S. history, it is just one of many outbreaks nationwide. Other major outbreaks in recent years include a 1987 cryptosporidium outbreak in Carrollton, GA, that sickened 13,000 people, and a 1992 cryptosporidium incident in Jackson County, OR that caused 15,000 people to become ill. There are numerous other examples of parasite contamination nationwide.

In reaction to the lack of Federal Government action in this area, the city of Milwaukee has gone ahead with its own efforts to protect its residents against water-borne parasites such as cryptosporidium. But other communities are still vulnerable.

Mr. President, I support efforts to require a thoughtful cost-benefit justification to be made for Federal regulations. I think that that makes eminent sense given the complexity of risks that exist today. But I urge my colleagues to exercise some judgment and common sense when it comes to matters as important and as dangerous as parasite contamination in drinking water. We can sit in our towers of philosophical purity and vote party line on matters of general policy, but when it comes to life and death realities for the people of this Nation, we must use common sense.

So again Mr. President, I am upset by the actions of the Governmental Affairs Committee yesterday to prevent EPA from moving forward with regulations to protect our citizens from parasite contamination in drinking water. It is my hope that when the regulatory moratorium legislation reaches the floor, my friends on the other side of the aisle will use their good common sense when it comes to clear dangers in our drinking water. We should not be voting party line, when lives are on the line.

TRIBUTE TO JESSE LEWIS, JR.

Mr. HEFLIN. Mr. President, Jesse J. Lewis, Jr., a Birmingham, AL, advertising and public relations executive, passed away on February 26 after a tragic automobile accident. He was the

president and chief executive officer of Jesse J. Lewis & Associates. His firm's clients included the State of Alabama, the city of Birmingham, the Birmingham Water Works Board, Midfield Dodge, the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, and the Jefferson County Citizens' Coalition.

A native of Birmingham, Jesse Lewis, Jr., was one of the first blacks to attend the prestigious Indian Springs School in Pelham. He later graduated from John Carroll High School and Miles College.

In 1980, he took over the advertising firm from his father, Jesse Lewis Sr., who is publisher of the Birmingham Times newspaper, former president of Lawson State Community College, and the first black this century appointed to an Alabama Governor's cabinet; he served as director of highway traffic and safety under former Gov. George Wallace. The firm was founded in 1952, and is one of the oldest black-owned advertising and public relations companies in the country.

Jesse J. Lewis & Associates received the 1994 Travel Industry of America's Marketing and Promotion Creativity Award in the broadcast/radio category for an Alabama Bureau of Tourism commercial. Jesse, Jr. was also nominated for Business Person of the Year last year. He had a wide circle of friends crossing racial, economic, and social lines. He was extremely energetic and contributed much of his time to many civic organizations, especially those having to do with the city of Birmingham. He sat on the board of directors of the Birmingham Urban League.

Jesse Lewis, Jr.'s death at such a young age leaves a great void in his community and the business world of which he was such an integral part. He had already accomplished so much professionally, and so much more was confidently expected of him. He truly enjoyed the admiration and respect of those who knew him, including his loyal clients.

I extend my sincerest condolences to Jesse's parents, Jesse and Helen Lewis, and his brother James in the wake of their tremendous loss.

TRIBUTE TO JUDGE WILLIAM HUTCHINS COLE

Mr. HEFLIN. Mr. President, former Jefferson County, AL, Circuit Judge William Hutchins Cole, who served 18 years on the bench, passed away on February 12, 1995, at the age of 76. Judge Cole served as county circuit criminal judge until 1988, when he reached his 70th birthday. Under Alabama's judicial article, judges must retire when they turn 70. However, they may stay on as supernumerary judges—hearing cases as needed—as Judge Cole did until 1991.

During his tenure, Judge Cole presided over some of the most notorious criminal trials in Jefferson County. He was known for his sometimes stern demeanor in court. He was also known as

one of the most conscientious and hard-working jurists in Alabama.

Judge Cole was a native of Towson, MD, and a graduate of the University of Maryland School of Law. He served as an FBI agent during World War II, beginning law practice in Birmingham in 1946 where he was a founding partner of the firm Jenkins, Cole, Callaway, & Vance.

Judge William Cole was an outstanding judge who contributed much to the legal community throughout his career and will be greatly missed. I extend my sincerest condolences to his wife Susan and the rest of his family in the wake of their tremendous loss.

THE CLOSING OF KORBET'S RESTAURANT

Mr. HEFLIN. Mr. President, a longtime fixture of the Mobile, AL, area, Korbet's Restaurant closed in January after serving customers—including me and some of my staff—at the same location for 45 years. The restaurant on Airport Boulevard was a part of Mobile's Loop area beginning in 1949, when owner Nick Catranis' mother and father-in-law—George and Katie Kordomenos—moved there from their Victory Cafe in downtown Mobile. The name for the restaurant came from the first three letters of their last name combined with the first three of a partner's name.

Nick Catranis married Ethel Kordomenos and joined her family's business in 1963, managing Korbet's for the next 32 years.

Nick issued a letter to his loyal customers in December giving a heartfelt description of his family's struggle against changing times and the personal sacrifice it took to keep the operation running. I ask unanimous consent that a copy of the letter be printed in the RECORD following my remarks. It is illustrative of the kinds of difficulties many small companies face in today's increasingly competitive business climate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

(See exhibit 1.)

Mr. HEFLIN. Mr. President, it was sad to see Korbet's close. It was one of the last of a vanishing breed of mom-and-pop businesses that add so much flavor and character to a community or neighborhood. I congratulate Nick and Ethel Catranis for bringing so much dining pleasure to the Mobile area for so many years, and wish them all the best for the future. Korbet's is sorely missed.

[Exhibit 1]

KORBET'S RESTAURANT,
Mobile, Ala., Dec. 27, 1994.

DEAR KORBET'S RESTAURANT CUSTOMER: Korbet's Restaurant has been a part of many families in the Mobile area since 1949.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kordomenos started Korbet's in 1949 when they came to this location from the Victory Cafe in downtown Mobile. Their devotion to their profession, to the community and their desire to succeed